

Amendments to the Specification

The paragraph starting at page 3, lines 8-24 has been amended as follows.

However, this structure has problems. It is known that if an ink-jet method is used as the printing method, generally the discharge characteristic is more ~~stabled~~ stable when ink is discharged right below in comparison with discharging in other directions. In this case, a print sheet is conveyed in a horizontal direction in a printing portion, since the print sheet is arranged in a direction orthogonal to the ink discharge direction. The image quality is improved if a document is read in a position as close to the conveyance roller as possible. Also, the image quality is improved if a print sheet is subjected to printing in a position as close to the conveyance roller as possible. In other words, to improve the image quality, it is preferable that a reading unit is positioned around the printing portion, and the reading unit is arranged in the horizontal direction.

The paragraph at page 8, lines 14-23 has been amended as follows.

In Fig. 1, in the rear of the apparatus (right side of Fig. 1), a print-sheet feeding unit (ASF) 39 and a document feeding unit (ADF) 11 ~~40~~ are provided. The print-sheet feeding

unit 39 holds a stack of print sheets 2, and separates the print sheets one by one from the stack of the print sheets 2 and feeds them to a printing unit 38, in accordance with necessity. The document feeding unit (ADF) 40 11 holds documents 12, and separates the documents one by one and feeds them to the reading unit 28.